

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26 are pending and on appeal. No claims are allowed.

Independent claims 1, 11, 14, 20 and 25 have been amended in a manner agreed to by the Applicants' attorney and Examiner George Manuel to place them in condition for allowance. Claims 2 to 10, 12, 13, 15 to 19, 21 to 24 and 26 are allowable as hinging from patentable base claims.

It is believed that claims 1 to 26 are now in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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